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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Office Action Summary	Application No. 09/904,516	Applicant(s) MOUGIN ET AL.	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 23 February 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19, 23-25, 27, 28 and 30-34 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19, 23-25, 27-28, 30-34 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Election/Restrictions

1. Claims 1-19, 23-25, 27-28, 30-34 are pending. Claims 1-17 stand withdrawn for the reasons of record as filed on July 02, 2003. Claim 34 is withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention as explained Office Action mailed August 24, 2005 at paragraph # 2.
2. Claims 18-25, 27-28, 30-33 were subject to an election of species filed on March July 1, 2004. Applicants' election was filed on September 7, 2004. Accordingly, a search was conducted towards the elected species wherein:
 - R and R': a radical of C18 H37OH,
 - X and X': a radical of methylene dicyclohexyl diisocyanate,
 - L, L' and L'': a radical of methylene dicyclohexyl diisocyanate,
 - P and P': a radical of N-methylethanolamine,
 - Y: a radical of polyethylene glycol.
3. Both Office Actions filed on December 13, 2004 and August 24, 2005 declared the scope of the claims 18-25, 27-28, 30-33 to the extent that they read on the elected species is free of art. The instantly claimed directed to such species wherein n, m, p values are 0, R and R' is a hydrophobic group, X and X' is group comprising an amine functional group, L, L' and L'' are represented by the formula $-Z-C(O)-NH-R_4-NH-C(O)-NH-$, wherein Z is an NH, P and P' are an amine functional group is also free of art.
4. Claims 18-19, 23-25, 27-28, 30-33 are now subject to a new elections of species requirement.

5. Claims 18-19, 23-25, 27-28, 30-33 generic to a plurality of disclosed patentably distinct species comprising various functional groups of R, R', X, X', P, P', L, L' Y.

Applicant is required to elect or identify the specific species for the following groups:

- R and R' as enumerated in claims 18, 19, 24,
- X and X' as enumerated in claim 18, 25,
- L, L' and L" as enumerated in claims 18, 26,
- P, P' as enumerated in claims 18, 27,
- Y as enumerated in claim 18, 28.

Applicant is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 to elect a single disclosed species, even though this requirement is traversed.

Claims 1-17, 34 stand withdrawn as they are not directed to the elected species for the reasons of record filed on July 2, 2003 and August 24, 2005 at paragraph # 2.

Since the nature of the election is complex, no telephone call was made to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include (i) an election of a species or invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143) and (ii) identification of the claims encompassing the elected invention.

The election of an invention or species may be made with or without traverse. To reserve a right to petition, the election must be made with traverse. If the reply does not

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distinctly and specifically point out supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election shall be treated as an election without traverse.

Should applicant traverse on the ground that the inventions or species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the inventions or species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions unpatentable over the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C.103(a) of the other invention.

Applicant is reminded that upon the cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a request under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(i).

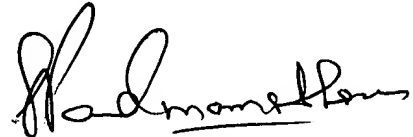
Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Shahnam Sharareh whose telephone number is 571-272-0630. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 am - 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sreenivasan Padmanabhan, PhD can be reached on 571-272-0629. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Padmanabhan', written in a cursive style.

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